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On page 13, please amend the paragraph beginning on line 24, as follows:

--An adhesive wafer suitably comprises an adhesive, which absorbs humidity such as perspiration. A second adhesive material may be formulated without hydrocolloids or using a minor amount of hydrocolloids or using ma a material such as potato starch which has been found to have a low absorbing capacity when formulated in medical adhesives in order to ensure that a second adhesive preferably shows a lower absorption in order to prolong the service time of a product of the invention.--

On page 15, please amend the two consecutive paragraphs beginning on line 12, as follows:

--Fig. 2 shows a cross sectional view of an embodiment of an ostomy appliance body side member 10 according to the invention comprising an adhesive wafer 12 having a first adhesive surface for securing the appliance to the user's skin S, said adhesive having a second surface being covered by a carrier sheet 13 conventionally used for ostomy appliances. Furthermore, the body side member is provided with a coupling ring 14 for attachment of a receiving bag and a release liner 15 for protecting the first adhesive surface until use. The carrier sheet is absent on a central part of the